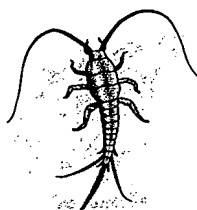


silver bromide simple



silverfish
Lepisma saccharina



Neil Simon

ican shrub (*Elaeagnus commutata*) having silvery flowers, leaves, and berries. 2. See **oleaster**.

silver bromide *n.* A pale yellow crystalline compound, AgBr, that blackens on exposure to light and is used in photographic emulsions.

silver certificate *n.* A bill formerly issued as legal tender by the U.S. government in representation of deposited silver bullion.

silver chloride *n.* A white granular powder, AgCl, that turns dark on exposure to light and is used in photographic emulsions, photometry, and silver plating.

sil·ver·fish (sil'vər-fish') *n., pl. silverfish or -fish-es.* 1. Any of various fishes having silvery scales. 2. A small silvery or gray bristletail (*Lepisma saccharina*) that feeds on the starchy material in bookbindings, wallpaper, clothing, and food.

silver fox *n.* 1. A melanistic red fox having black fur tipped with white. 2. This fur, esp. as an article of clothing.

silver hake *n.* A marine food fish (*Merluccius bilinearis*) with silvery scales, common in American Atlantic coastal waters.

silver iodide *n.* A pale yellow odorless powder, AgI, that darkens on exposure to light and is used in photographic emulsions and medicine, esp. as an antiseptic.

silver lining *n.* A hopeful or cheerful prospect in the midst of trouble. [From the proverb "Every cloud has a silver lining."] **silver maple** *n.* 1. A North American deciduous tree (*Acer saccharinum*) having palmate leaves that are silvery below and light green above. 2. The hard brittle wood of this tree.

sil·vern (sil'vərn) *adj.* 1. Composed of silver. 2. Resembling silver; silvery. [ME; alteration (influenced by *silver*, *silver*) of OE *silfren* < *siolfor*. See **SILVER**.]

silver nitrate *n.* A poisonous colorless crystalline compound, AgNO₃, that turns grayish black when exposed to light in the presence of organic matter and is used in manufacturing photographic film and in medicine as a cauter.

silver perch *n.* Any of various silvery fishes resembling perch.

silver plate *n.* 1. A coating or plating of silver. 2. Tableware, such as flatware, made of or coated with silver.

sil·ver·plate (sil'vər-plāt') *tr.v.* **plat·ed**, **plat·ing**, **plates**. To coat (an object) with a thin layer of silver, esp. by electroplating.

sil·ver·point (sil'vər-pōint') *n.* 1. A technique of drawing on specially prepared paper with a silver-tipped instrument. 2. A drawing made by use of this technique.

silver protein *n.* A colloidal preparation of silver, oxide and protein, usu. gelatin or albumin, used as an antibacterial agent.

silver screen *n.* See **screen** 6. [From a type of movie screen covered with silver-colored metallic paint.]

sil·ver·side (sil'vər-sīd') also **sil·ver·sides** (-sīdz') *n.* Any of various chiefly marine fishes of the family Atherinidae, characteristically having a broad silvery band along each side and including the grunion.

sil·ver·smith (sil'vər-smīth') *n.* One that makes, repairs, or replates articles of silver.

silver standard *n.* A monetary standard under which a specified quantity of silver constitutes the basic unit of currency.

Sil·ver Star (sil'vər) *n.* A U.S. military decoration awarded for gallantry.

sil·ver·tongued (sil'vər-tūngd') *adj.* Having or exhibiting the power of fluent and persuasive speech; eloquent.

sil·ver·ware (sil'vər-wār') *n.* 1. Silver or silver-plated hollow-ware and flatware. 2. Metal eating and serving utensils.

sil·ver·weed (sil'vər-wēd') *n.* A stoloniferous plant (*Potentilla anserina*) having pinnate leaves that are silvery beneath.

sil·ver·y (sil'vərē) *adj.* 1. Containing or coated with silver. 2. Resembling silver in color or luster. 3. Having a clear, softly resonant sound: *a silvery laugh*. — **sil·ver·iness** *n.*

sil·vex (sil'vēks') *n.* A solid toxic selective herbicide, C₆H₅O₃Cl₃, used primarily against woody plants. [Prob. Lat. *silva*, forest, + *ex* (TERMINATOR).]

sil·vi·cul·ture (sil'vi-kūl'chər) *n.* The care and cultivation of forest trees; forestry. [Lat. *silva*, forest + *culture*.] — **sil·vi·cul·tur·al** *adj.* — **sil·vi·cul·tur·ist** *n.*

si·ma (si'mə) *n.* The lower layer of the earth's outer crust that underlies the sial and is rich in silica, iron, and magnesium. [SI(LICA) + *MA* (GNESSUM).]

Sim·chat To·rah (sēm-khāt' tō-rā') also **Sim·chas To·rah** (sim'khas tō-rā', tōr'ā) *n.* **Judaism**. A festival celebrating the Torah and the completion of the year's reading cycle and its new beginning, observed on the 22nd or 23rd day of Tishri. [Heb. *simḥat tōrā*, rejoicing over the Law, Simchas Torah: *simḥat*, inflectional form of *simḥā*, joy, merriment (< *sāmāh*, to rejoice), + *tōrā*, Torah.]

Sim·coe (sim'kō), Lake. A lake of SE Ontario, Canada, between Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario.

Si·me·non (sē-mō-nōn'), Georges Joseph Christian. 1903–89. Belgian-born French writer known esp. for his detective novels featuring Inspector Maigret.

Sim·e·on (sim'ē-on). In the Bible, a son of Jacob and Leah and the forebear of one of the tribes of Israel.

Sim·e·on². In the Bible, the devout Jew who proclaimed the Nunc Dimittis while holding the infant Jesus.

Simeon Styl·ites (sti-lī'tēz), Saint. A.D. 390?–459. Syrian

Christian, ascetic who spent 30 years atop a column.

Sim·fer·o·pol (sim'fə-rō'pəl, sīm-fyā-rō'pəl). A city of Ukraine in the S Crimea-NE of Sevastopol. Pop. 331,000.

sim·i·an (sim'ē-an) *adj.* Relating to, characteristic of, or resembling an ape or a monkey. — *n.* An ape or a monkey. [Lat. *simia*, ape, prob. < *simus*, snub-nosed < Gk. *simos*.]

sim·i·lar (sim'ə-lər) *adj.* 1. Related in appearance, or nature, alike, though not identical. 2. **Math.** Having corresponding angles equal and corresponding line segments proportional. Used of geometric figures: *similar triangles*. [Fr. *similaire* < Lat. *similis*, like. See **SEM-**.] — **sim·i·lar·ly** *adv.*

sim·i·lar·i·ty (sim'ə-lār'i-tē) *n., pl. -ties* 1. The quality or condition of being similar; resemblance. See **Syns** at **likeness**. 2. A corresponding aspect or feature; an equivalence.

sim·i·le (sim'ə-lē) *n.* A figure of speech in which two essentially unlike things are explicitly compared, usu. by means of *like* or *as*, as in "So are you to my thoughts as food to life" (Shakespeare). [ME < Lat. < neut. of *similis*, like. See **SIMILAR**.]

sim·i·l·i·tude (si-mil'i-tūd', -tyōd') *n.* 1. Similarity; resemblance. See **Syns** at **likeness**. 2. a. One closely resembling another; a counterpart. b. A perceptible likeness. 3. **Archaic**. A simile, an allegory, or a parable. [ME < OFr. < Lat. *similitudo* < *similis*, like. See **SIMILAR**.]

Si·mi Valley (sē'mē, sim'ē). A city of S CA, a suburb of Los Angeles. Pop. 100,217.

Sim·men·tal also **Sim·men·thal** (zim'an-tāl') *n.* (Any of) Swiss breed of large muscular cattle, having a reddish body and a white face and raised for meat and milk. [After *Simmental*, a valley of the Simme R. in SW-central Switzerland.]

sim·mer (sim'ər) *v.* **mer·ed**, **mer·ing**, **mers**. — *intr.* 1. To be cooked gently or remain just at or below the boiling point. 2. a. To be filled with pent-up emotion; seethe. b. To be in a state of gentle ferment. — *tr.* 1. To cook (food) gently in a liquid just at or below the boiling point. 2. To keep (a liquid) near or just below the boiling point. See **Syns** at **boil**. — **sim·mer·ing** *adj.* The state or process of simmering. — **phrasal verb**, **simmer down**. To become calm after excitement or anger. [Alteration of ME *simpre*; to simmer, prob. of imit. orig.]

sim·nel (sim'nəl) *n.* Chiefly **British**. 1. A crisp bread made of fine wheat flour. 2. A rich fruitcake eaten at mid-Lent, Easter, and Christmas. [ME < OFr. *siminel* < Med. Lat. *siminellus*, ult. < Lat. *simila*, fine flour, prob. of Semitic orig.]

si·mo·le·on (si-mō'lē-on) *n.* **Slang**. A dollar. [?]

Si·mon (sē-mōn'), Claude Eugene Henri. b. 1913. French writer who won the 1985 Nobel Prize for literature.

Si·mon (si'mon), Herbert Alexander. b. 1916. Amer. economist who won a 1978 Nobel Prize.

Simon, Nell. b. 1927. Amer. playwright whose comedies include *The Odd Couple* (1965).

si·mo·ni·ac (si-mō'nē-āk', -si-) *n.* One who practices **simony**. — **si·mo·ni·ac·al**, **si·mo·ni·cal** (si-mō-nī'ā-kəl, -si-mō-nī'ā-kəl) *adj.* — **si·mo·ni·cal·ly** *adv.*

Si·mon·i·des of Ce·os (si-mōn'i-dēz; sē'ōs). 556?–468? B.C. Greek lyric poet known esp. for his elegies.

Simon Le·gree (lā-grē) *n.* A brutal taskmaster. [After *Simon Legree*, a slave dealer in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.]

si·mon·pure (si'mon-pyūr') *adj.* 1. Genuinely and thoroughly pure. 2. Superficially or hypocritically virtuous. [*< the real Simon Pure*; after *Simon Pure* in *A Bold Stroke for a Wife*, a play by Susannah Centlivre (1669–1723).]

si·mo·ny (si'mō-nē, sim'ə-nē) *n.* The buying or selling of ecclesiastical pardons, offices, or emoluments. [ME: *simonia* < OFr. < LLat. *simōnia*, after *Simon* Magus, a sorcerer who tried to buy spiritual powers from the Apostle Peter (Act 8:9–24).] — **si·mo·nist** *n.*

Simon Ze·lo·tes (zē-lō'tēz) or **Simon the Ca·naan·ite** (kā'nā-nā'nē'). 1st cent. A.D. In the Bible, one of the 12 Apostles thought to have been a member of the Zealots.

si·moom (si-mōon') also **si·moon** (-mōon') *n.* A strong, hot sand-laden wind of the Sahara and Arabian deserts. [Ar. *simūm*, poisonous, *simoom* < *samma*, to poison < Aram. *šm*, drug, poison.]

simp (simp) *n.* **Slang**. One who is regarded as simple or foolish. [Short for **SIMPLETON**.]

simp·a·ti·co (simp-pā'ti-kō', -pāt'i) *adj.* 1. Of like mind or temperament; compatible. 2. Having attractive, quality, pleasing. [Ital. *simpatico* < *simpatica*, sympathy) or Sp. *simpático* < *simpatica*, sympathy), both < Lat. *sympathia*, *sympathy*.]

sim·per (sim'pər) *v.* **per·ed**, **per·ing**, **pers**. — *intr.* To smile in a silly, self-conscious, often coy manner. — *tr.* To utter or express with a simper. — *n.* A silly, self-conscious, often coy smile. [Perh. of Scand. orig.] — **sim·per·er** *n.*

sim·ple (sim'pl) *adj.* **pler**, **plest**. 1. Having or composed of only one thing, element, or part. See **Syns** at **pure**. 2. Not involved or complicated; easy. See **Syns** at **easy**. 3. Being without additions or modifications; mere: *a simple "no."* 4. Having little or no ornamentation; not embellished or adorned. 5. Not elaborate, elegant, or luxurious. 6. Unassuming, unpretentious; not affected. 7. a. Having or manifesting a sense of intelligence. b. Uneducated; ignorant. c. Unworldly or unsophisticated. See **Syns** at **naïve**. 8. Not guileful or

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